

THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD (Matt. 21:32-43)

If you read closely this parable about the vineyard you will see that Yeshua was talking about the Pharisees (clergy) rejecting the men He sent to them. They rejected John the Baptist and others like the men in the parable, and Yah finally sent His own Son. They not only rejected Him, but they killed Him, the very cornerstone.

Matt. 21:32-43 *“For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax-gatherers and harlots did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him. “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey. “And when the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce. “And the vine-growers **took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. “Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. “But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ “But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and seize his inheritance.’ “And they took him, and threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. “Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?” They said to Him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers, who will pay him the proceeds at the {proper} seasons.” Yeshua said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, **THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER {stone;} THIS CAME ABOUT FROM ADONAI, AND IT IS MARVELLOUS IN OUR EYES’?** “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of Yah will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it.”***

These Pharisees (religious leaders), are still here today, and are still rejecting (changing/modifying), the teachings of the Bible, and replacing them with their own doctrine, rituals, symbols, holidays, customs and other man-made ideas in the Name of Jesus. **Matt. 7:21-23** *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**’*

Yeshua was talking about people who call on Yahveh of Mercy, but don't want to know about the Yahveh of Justice (Elohim), and don't want to obey His commandments. The situation He describes is typical of many churches today where they raise their hands in the air and say "Lord we love you, Lord we worship you", repeating the word "Lord" as many times as possible. They only talk about "God" when something falls on their foot and many say "Oh my God". They come out with "words from God", (supposedly prophetic), which are nothing more than the products of their own imagination. They perform fake healing and miracles, and cast out demons that don't exist, using techniques of auto-suggestion. They use a Christian version of Hindu Shamanism to make people fall over (demonically "slain in the spirit"), on the floor. No wonder Adonai condemns them as workers of iniquity.

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